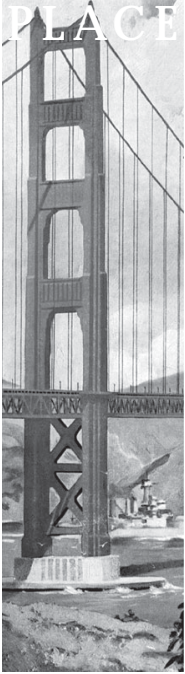


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Golden State Museum: Gallery Guide

California is the land of superlatives. It is home to the tallest, largest, and oldest living things in the world. California not only has the largest population in the U.S., but also has the 5th largest economy in the world. Tour the galleries of the Place, People, Promise, and Politics to discover what is singularly California.



1. What is meant by the phrase "California's natural endowment"?
2. In the field engineer's cabin, John Muir speaks to visitors as a hologram-like image. What is his important message? (Hint: John Muir appears 1 minute after the end of the Natural Endowment video.)
3. After examining the exhibit, Natural Disasters, write your own headline about one natural disaster in California for the front page of a newspaper. (Try to captivate the interest of readers.)

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4. Describe at least three artifacts or documents that you found in this area. (Be sure to open some of the drawers in the Place/People Pavilion.)



5. Take a "journey" on the vintage bus and listen to a few stories of immigrants to California. Summarize one of these stories.
6. Record notes about each of the following:

Cultural diversity of California's population –

Chinese Herbal Shop –

Reasons people came to the Golden State –
7. Listen to the "faces" of Californians at the TV Shop. What is your opinion about one of the questions discussed about California?

8. Visit the movie theater containing artifacts from the Alhambra Theatre once located in Sacramento. How do you think the movie industry has shaped people's view of California?



9. The Continuing Gold Rush exhibit tells about other forms of wealth, that have developed this great state. Name at least three of these.

10. What theme is developed in the Promise Gallery?

11. Look carefully at the 70-foot long ceiling mural by George Yepes. Discuss three examples of symbolism and the meanings represented in the mural.

12. What is the significance of vintage automobiles, such as the Ford Model-A, in American politics?



13. Why was Posey's Café once a popular place for politicians? (Be sure to look closely at the artifacts and documents. Push a few buttons on the jukebox to eavesdrop on conversations.)

14. By touring this gallery, you will discover ways people can affect government policies. What are three things people might do to influence political decisions?

OVERVIEW

Which exhibit in the Museum is the most impressive? Why?